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¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points on the conclusions of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Strategic Review and on Afghanistan's continuing needs to MFA Americas Deputy Director Loh Tuck Keat and MFA Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia Assistant Director Stephen Lim April 15. He called attention to the specific requests for Singapore and urged that Singapore consider what more it could do to support the effort in Afghanistan. Keat expressed appreciation for the information and noted that Singapore remains committed to contributing in Afghanistan but regularly reassesses what form its efforts will take. Singapore is presently focused on implementing its offer to deploy UAVs to Afghanistan, Keat said.

¶2. (C) Lim noted that the current deployment of Singapore's 20-man medical team to Uruzgan is scheduled to end in mid-June, while the deployment of an engineering team to Bamiyan ended before the onset of winter. Lim added that Singapore Armed Forces staff officers are conducting needs assessments in both locations to determine future deployments to those areas. As the needs assessments are still ongoing, Lim said he could not yet confirm whether the deployments would be extended.

¶3. (C) Poloff thanked Keat and Lim for Singapore's current contributions and noted that further requests for assistance from Singapore may be forthcoming.

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